

# mystic

a person who seeks by [contemplation](#) and [self-surrender](#) to obtain unity with or absorption into the Deity or the absolute, or who believes in the spiritual [apprehension](#) of truths that are beyond the intellect.

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Scientific observations are the starting point of the scientific method. They are sensory experiences that allow scientists to collect data on the natural world. Scientific observations may create questions for scientists or provide answers. Observations lead to creating questions and then experimentation.

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He was defeated by his own self confidence.